

THE CHURCH OF GOD EVANGEL

"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance. Acts 2:4.
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"The People That Do Know Their God Shall Be Strong, And Do Exploits" "And This Is Life Eternal, That They Might Know Thee The Only True God, And Jesus Christ, Whom Thou Hast Sent"

REVEALED DOCTRINE

TEXT.—Gal. 1:8-12. But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed. As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed. For do I now persuade men, or God? or do I seek to please men? for if I yet pleased men, I should not be the servant of Christ. But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man. For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ.

J. S. Llewellyn

A great many people think it matters but little what they believe or preach just so they are sincere in what they believe and live an upright, moral life. The inspired apostle, however, declares in the above text that it is of tremendous importance that we believe and teach according to the true doctrine that he had delivered to us. If an angel from heaven should preach any other than that he had preached or Christ had revealed "Let him be accursed." Though a man be as an angel of light and his ideas and opinions are not according to the Sacred Book we are not to receive them.

The Gospel has for its fundamental principles certain well defined doctrines plainly revealed in the Scriptures. These doctrines have always been the object of assault on the part of the enemies of Divinely inspired truth.

My purpose of this article is to notice some of the fundamental doctrines of the Bible and the folly of some of the objections to them.

The Inspiration of the Bible

The sacred Scriptures claim to have been written by men divinely inspired. "Holy men of old wrote as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable."

The late William J. Bryan had the following to say on the subject:

"Orthodox Christians believe in plenary inspiration; that is, that all of the Bible was given by inspiration. They believe in verbal inspiration, that is, that the words used in the original manuscripts were the actual words of God as spoken by holy men of God, as they were moved by the Holy Ghost." They accept the Bible as true and divinely inspired, beginning with belief in God as Creator of all things, continuing Ruler of the universe which He made, and Heavenly Father to all His children. They believe that God is a personal God, who loves, and is interested in, all His creatures. They believe that He revealed His will unto men, and they accept the testimony of the writers of the Bible when they declare that the Holy Ghost spoke through them or through those whom they quote.

Those who deny that the Bible is true and infallible may be divided into several groups. First: atheists reject the Bible because they deny the existence of God. Believing that there is no God, they are consistent in believing that there is no Bible or Word of God.

Second: agnostics profess ignorance; they do not know whether there is a God with a will to reveal. Darwin was consistent when, in a letter written in his old age, after he declared himself an agnostic, he also declared that he believed there never had been any revelation. It is useless to argue either with an atheist or agnostic in favor

of an inspired Bible. They must first be brought to believe in a God before it is worth while to talk to them about God's Word—although the Bible itself is proof of the existence of God.

Third: there are some who believe in God but do not believe that He ever revealed His will to men except through Nature. They profess to know God through what they call Nature, and through Nature alone.

Where the Real Conflict Lies

Here are three classes made up of those who deny that the Bible is an inspired book, but they are not the ones who are to-day doing the greatest harm. The atheists are few in number, relatively speaking, and are so unreasonable as to exert little influence. Their denial of the existence of God in the face of overwhelming evidence that He does exist discredits their intelligence and reduces their influence to a minimum.

The agnostics by professing ignorance, forfeit their right to advise on the subject. They become a mere negative force, unwilling to accept the evidence in favor of the existence of God, and yet confessedly unable to furnish proof of the non-existence of God. And, as they do not attempt to prove that there is no God, they cannot consistently assert that the Bible is not the revealed will of God. They simply do not know.

And so with those who affirm belief in God but deny all revelation. Their denial of a revelation rests upon an assumption that God would not speak directly to man, which is combated by proof that God did actually speak to man, as proved not only by the words themselves but by the influence the words have exerted on hearts and lives. The Christian need not be alarmed by any efforts that can be put forth by the members of the third class—those who deny all inspiration or refuse to believe in any inspiration.

The real conflict to-day is between those, on one hand, who believe in God, in the Bible as the Word of God, and in Christ as the Son of God, and believe that the Bible is inspired only in part—differing among themselves as to how much of it is inspired. The latter set up standards of their own, and there are nearly as many different standards as there are believers in partial inspiration. When they deny the infallibility of the Bible they set up a standard that they regard either as infallible or as more trustworthy than the Bible itself.

They really transfer the presumption of infallibility from the Bible to themselves, for either they say, "I believe this part of the Bible to be untrue because my own reason or my own judgment tells me that it is untrue," or they say, "I believe it untrue because so-and-so, in whose judgment I have confidence, tells me it is untrue."

Whether one trusts in his own judgment as to the truthfulness of a passage, or trusts the judgment of some one else who denies the truthfulness of a passage, he is, in fact trusting his own judgment, because if he does not rely on his own judgment in rejecting the passage it is his own judgment that substitutes the authority of the individual selected by him for the authority of the Bible.

It need hardly be added that such a rejection of the Bible, however the objector tries to limit it, is equivalent to a total rejection of the Bible as an authority, because an authority which is subject to be overruled on any point on any subject by anybody who cares to take the responsibility of overruling it, ceases to be of real value.

To illustrate: The orthodox Christian says to his child: The Bible is the Word of God. It contains the truth about the science of how to live, and all the truth that it is necessary for one to know. Accept it and follow it, and it will be a lamp to your feet and a light to your path. Trust it and you will make no mistake.

What is the attitude of the parent who believes that the Bible contains error? It depends upon how much error he thinks there is in the Bible—that is, how 'liberal' he is. If he thinks that the errors outweigh the truth that the Bible contains, he will not care to have his child read it at all. If, like some of the modernists, he spends so much time finding fault with some of the so-called errors that he does not have time to quote the parts which he thinks probably, if not actually, true, the child will not likely desire to read it. By the time the child is sixteen, it may think

itself able to decide Bible questions for itself and following its parents' example, do some rejecting on its own responsibility.

The tendency of the human mind is to be consistent; therefore, when, for any reason, one eliminates a passage from the Bible, he generally proceeds to eliminate all other passages to which the same objections apply. The usual starting point, today, is the Mosiac account of Man's creation; this is eliminated on the ground that it is inconsistent with the hypothesis of evolution. The same reasoning eliminated the miraculous and the supernatural if carried to its logical conclusion. The Fall of man is next denied and, with it, the Atonement. Then the Virgin Birth is eliminated on the ground that it is miraculous and supernatural. By the time the modernist has brought the Saviour down to the stature of a man and then brought man down to a brute ancestry, he is ready to deny the bodily resurrection of Christ and leave Him entombed with the other dead. When the miracles and the supernatural are taken from the Bible, and its Christ robbed of the glory of a virgin birth, of the majesty of deity, and of the triumph of a resurrection there is little left in the Bible to make it worth reading—certainly not enough to justify one in patterning his life after it or in carrying it to heathen lands.

The rejection of the doctrine of inspiration is a complacent sort of philosophy, that leaves those who adopt this view at liberty to spend upon their own pleasure time and money that they would feel it a duty to use for the spread of Christianity if they considered the Bible message a Divine one and the (Continued on page 2.)

Joseph's Fidelity

TEXT.—Seest thou a man diligent in his business? he shall stand before kings.—Prov. 22:29

F. J. Lee.

Joseph had character, plus capacity, plus charm, plus energy, plus the grace of God. This is the reason for his overwhelming success.

Joseph was destined not only to stand before kings, but to be a great ruler himself. A characteristic belonging to every faithful child of God. Joseph was of noble parentage from both father and mother even to his great grandparents. It is an established fact that heredity plays a great part in the character and destiny of individuals. Also Joseph seems to have been a special chosen vessel of the Lord.

The text deals with the diligence of men. We notice that Joseph was especially favored by his father, this must have been because of Joseph's kindness and care of his father in his old age. Paul speaks of serving the Lord as dear children. Have you not noticed that some children in the family seem more dear to the parents than do others?

Illustration

There are two boys in a certain family, one boy acts very rudely, he is out in town at late hours each night, drinking, cursing, gambling and carousing. His father has paid him out of jail several times. He does not love his parents, he talks harsh to them and they have lost confidence in him. The other boy cares for his parents in their old age, he is kind and obedient.

Reason teaches us that the father would naturally have an affection for this boy beyond that which he has for the other boy.

While the elder brothers of Joseph hated him and did everything in their power against him, he still loved and cared for his father and was obedient to his demands.

One day Jacob sent Joseph on an errand to see how the other sons were getting along. Joseph did not object, and say, "The boys hate me and I would rather not go," no, but he set out on the long journey, just because he wanted to be obedient, energetic and faithful in that which was placed on him to do, and he did it with all his might. He did not return to his father when he in his first attempt failed to find his brothers, but he inquired and continued his journey until he found them. If he had not diligently performed his task, his effort would have been in vain.

Joseph was only about seventeen years of age, but he was like a settled man, his father could depend on him to perform any task laid upon him.

Did he faint, give up and try to die when they threw him in the pit? No, he quietly waited for some one to come to rescue him. Finally the Ishmelites took him to Egypt and sold him to Potiphar to be a servant. He (Continued on page 4.)

A Blessing In Performance

TEXT.—James 1:22. But be ye doers of the word and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves.

E. L. Simmons.

Introduction: I cannot think of anything more needed among professing Christians of today than actual performance. One only has to open his eyes and behold conditions as they are to see that we are living in a time when the words of Jesus, ("They say and do not." Matt. 23:3.) are very applicable.

The modern religion consists only of church clubs, leagues, and other social functions, together with dead forms, recited prayers, and memorized sermons, and a somewhat Pharisaical look on Sunday. The thought of professing and playing Christianity seems to be prevalent everywhere, but little thought is given to performance. This formal hypocritical spirit is not only prevailing in the modern churches, but is stealing its way into holiness movements and even threatens the Church of God.

It cannot be said that the cause of non-performance of the will of God is a lack of knowledge. The average church member will confess that he knows much more than he demonstrates in his every day life. He expects to get better some day and is constantly neglecting the present. He sets the Christ like life as a goal for him to attain, rather than the demonstrated fact of every day Christian living, beginning now.

Jesus gives us the idea that we may have our knowledge increased as we perform or put into practice that which we have already learned. "If any man will do his will he shall know of the doctrine." The religion that was pictured out by Jesus was a religion of performance, and all his teaching was to that end. His apostles likewise taught obedience as is shown in our text, James 1:22. "But be ye doers of the word and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves." Let us contemplate the words of the text:

Doers of the Word

The word, doers in this instance is taken from the Greek word, "poy-ay-tace," which means, "a performer." This shows what a true Christian should be upon the stage of action in this life. As the comedian performs or acts out his part in a play, as the salesman demonstrates his articles to show that it is as advertised, and as the inventor puts his idea into a reality, so must the Christian demonstrate a Christian life each day, by doing, performing, or putting into practice the Word of God.

The Word of God was not given to mankind for a decoration to his library, nor to satisfy his curiosity regarding the history of the past, but it was given for instruction and correction and we cannot be corrected by it only as we apply it to ourselves and put it into practice. It has been said that, "practice makes perfect," and I am fully persuaded that a practice of the Word of God will lead in that direction.

The wonderful story of salvation has been proclaimed over and over again. Through the message of the preacher, the testimony of the layman and the pen of the writer and yet the result is not what it should be. What is the matter? Can you

tell? The people have listened to big stories that have proven untrue, advertisements that were fakes, and have been humbugged by fake testimonials until nothing short of a real demonstration will attract them.

Merchants and manufacturers have long ago found out that the best, and about the only way to get a new article on the market is to send a man around to demonstrate it and show the people what it will actually do. When the public is convinced that it contains all that is claimed for it, a sale is easily made. So it is with the religion of Christ. When people see it so clearly demonstrated in the lives of professors that there is no doubt of its reality many will accept it.

The reason that there is no more success in the heathen lands today is that they are taught good doctrine without seeing it demonstrated. The doctrine of Buddha embraces many wonderful teachings of benefit to the human family, such as; Do not kill; Do not steal; Do not commit adultery; Do not lie; Do not give way to drunkenness, and that the greatest virtue is benevolence. Confucianism likewise has some good moral lessons attached to it. And let me say also that even Mohammedanism with all its adversity to Christianity has some good teaching, yet all of these fail to meet the need of the natives because they are simply a "What to do," without a "How to do." This is not true with us for we know how to perform our religion. Let us do it.

Not Hearers Only.

All of the great men of the Bible have been hearers and doers of the Word. Abraham proved his faith by his works and this is the only way that we know that he had the faith. James tells us that faith without works is dead, that is, it ceases to exist. There is no such thing as faith unless it be demonstrated with work.

Then consider Jacob as he moves at God's command and returns to Bethel. Look in Heb. 11, at the catalog of faithful heroes and you will find that they were all men who DID things. This is to be a true characteristic of all those who know God, for, "The people that do know their God shall be strong, and do exploits." Dan. 11:32. We too may possess strength and do things, if we know our God.

The Blessing Pronounced

But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the word, this man shall be blessed in his deed. James 1:25. The margin says, "Doing," so we understand by this that the old saying, "In duty we are blessed," is certainly true. I do not think that there is a blessing promised anywhere outside of duty.

All who have ever put the spoken or written Word of God, into action and shown their faith by their works have been duly compensated, not only after the work was done but while it was being done.

REPORT

WONDERFUL REVIVAL

A wonderful revival just closed at Copperhill, Tenn. Three sanctified and sixteen received the Holy Ghost. Conducted by L. L. Turner, T. F. Bryant and workers.—C. M. Dunn, Pastor

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It is Now Time to Order Your SUNDAY SCHOOL SUPPLIES For the Third Quarter

Our Sunday School secretaries are especially urged to send in their order for Sunday School literature and other supplies for the 3d quarter early and thus avoid the rush and possible delay as we have had some considerable difficulty of recent in getting prompt deliveries through the mail. Act quick, don't delay.

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GENERAL OVERSEER

F. J. Lee, General Overseer of the Churches of God, is attending the Illinois State Convention at this writing. He is expected to return in a few days, then to hurry off to the Florida State Camp Meeting. He is expected to reach there by the time this paper reaches you.

EVANGEL

Our readers are especially requested to advise us from time to time of any irregularity of any one failing to receive their paper, giving description of the difficulty as near as possible in order that we may lend our assistance in smoothing out the trouble. We will take this as a great favor as it is our earnest desire to serve our patrons in the very best possible manner. We thank you in advance for your co-operation.

ALL DAY MEETING

In response to an urgent request by I. G. Roberts, Pastor of the Church of God at North Chattanooga, J. S. Llewellyn and wife and Miss Mary Eva, accompanied by T. L. McLain, Overseer of Tennessee, drove to North Chattanooga Sunday a. m. where a large congregation were assembled. As previously announced the editor was the speaker of the day. The Spiritual tide was running high, the glories and amens could be heard from almost every quarter of the building. The Spirit of the Lord was there in a wonderful way to give liberty and power in the delivery of the message. The congregation appeared to be well refined and highly intelligent. After the Spiritual feast the pastor advised the good sisters to select a good place for the spread of the dinner and the men to carry the many well filled baskets and boxes to the place selected. The dinner was fine, good to the last bite. I found no one that went away

NOTICES

SOUTH GEORGIA CAMP MEETING

South Georgia Camp Meeting will begin at the Church of God two and one half miles northeast of Melrose, Georgia, July 15th and continues ten days or longer. The band boys will be in charge, which is composed of Bro. J. M. Baldree and wife, Brother P. W. Chesser and wife and Brother H. L. Chesser. They have a fine string band also a fine organist and four good preachers. Come one and all and bring some bedding with you, prepared to camp and enjoy the entire meeting and let all the saints pray much for a great and wonderful meeting. Don't forget the date and place. Thursday, July 15 at Bethel church, two and one half miles northeast of Melrose. For information, write J. W. Buchan, Pastor, Route 3, Lake Park, Ga.

REVIVAL

A revival will begin at the Church of God tabernacle, Waresboro, Ga., June 12th D. V. Our pastor, Brother T. W. Godwin, will be in charge, assisted by Brother C. W. Kerce of Waycross, and others. We solicit the prayers of all the saints. Everybody is invited to come and share the blessings of our God.—Clyde Jeffords, Clerk.

HOME COMING DAY

We want all the members of the Church of God at Ages, Ky. to be present at the Home Coming day May 13th. We also invite

our many friends and members of the other churches to be with us. We are expecting Brother G. A. Fore, State Overseer, and several other good preachers to be with us.

We will observe the Lord's supper and feet washing.—B. H. Enix, Pastor.

Any one knowing anything about L. C. Dollahite or Essie May Dollahite please write F. N. Smith, Crowder, Okla. R. 1

The Ohio State Convention will convene at Middletown, Ohio July 7-11. Everybody invited to come and enjoy the good blessings of the Lord.

We also extend the invitation and a hearty welcome to our brothers and sisters of other states who desire to come. We are certainly expecting a great time in the Lord. Brother F. J. Lee, General Overseer, will be with us.

I wish to urge that every lay member that possibly can make your arrangements to attend this convention and especially all the ministers.—E. Haynes.

The Church of God at Knoxville, Tenn., wishes to know the whereabouts and spiritual condition of the following members: J. W. White, Georgia White, May Maples, Myrtle Adams, A. H. Thomas, Flora McNish, Anna Johnson, Tessie Cooper, Steria Jackson, Pearl Brabson, Lillian Seetman, Lula Palmer, and Sr. Fortner.—Florida McLain, clerk, Route No. 3, Knoxville, Tenn. (Continued on page 3.)

REVEALED DOCTRINE

(Continued from page 1.) world's need of Christianity an imperative need.

The Bible's inspiration is proved in many ways. Prophecies fulfilled are proof that those who uttered the prophecies were inspired. The harmony existing between Bible writers separated by centuries is proof that the same Spirit revealed to them the truths which they recorded. The truths which the Bible contains—truths vindicated in the lives of thousands of millions of people, millions of whom have died in defense of those truths—are the strongest evidence possible.

The inspiration of the Bible is also proved by the fact that, while progress has been made along all other lines, no progress has been made in the matters of which it treats. We go back to the Old Testament for the foundation of our statute law, and to the Sermon on the Mount for the rules that govern our spiritual development. The words of fishermen and other of the common people to-day outweigh in influence the teachings of Grecian philosophers and the wise men of other ancient civilization. Why? Because they spoke as they were inspired.

Personal experience, also, testifies to the truth of the Bible. God's Word has given indomitable purpose and invincible strength to those who relied upon it; to those who trusted in it, it has brought peace "that passeth understanding;" and it is the only hope of peace in the war-torn world. The Bible works miracles to-day; it lifts up the fallen and infuses a passion for service into hearts that were before overflowing with selfishness. "By their fruits ye shall know them;" and the fruits of the Bible prove its Divine origin. It points the way to God and to Christ, and gives us the only solution of the problems that vex our hearts and perplex the world, namely: Thou shalt love the Lord with all thy heart, soul and mind, and thy neighbor as thyself.

hungry. It was indeed a treat to meet a great number of my old friends who are rejoicing because the Spirit of the Lord has brought us all together again. I must say that the Lord has wonderfully used Bro. Roberts and things in general appear to be going fine. Say, I can't tell you all the good things about this wonderful occasion, but it

The Bible is the only Book that gives the Christians conception of God; it is the only Book that tells us of Christ and His mission. When faith in the Bible's veracity is destroyed, we have no God to worship or to fear, and no Christ to save by His blood and to guide by His heaven-born wisdom.

The world never needed an evangelistic Gospel more than it does to-day; and evangelism, it must be remembered, dies when the Bible ceases to be accepted as the revealed will of God.

Scripture Declares Christ's Deity

The Bible, from beginning to end, teaches the deity of Christ. In the Old Testament, His coming is foretold and His Divine character is plainly announced. Seven hundred years before His incarnation, Isaiah said, "He shall be called Mighty God, the everlasting Father;" Isaiah describes also the substitutionary atonement of the promised Messiah.

Matthew announces the Virgin Birth of Jesus, who was to "save his people from their sins." Luke describes in greater detail the conception of Jesus by the Holy Ghost and says that "of his kingdom there shall be no end."

The Gospel of John begins: "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God, . . . And the Word was made flesh and dwelt among men."

We are also told that "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him might not perish, but have everlasting life." (John 3:16.)

John describes him as "The only begotten of the Father," John 1:14.

Paul describes Christ as "God manifest in the flesh." (1 Tim. 3:16.) Paul also says of Christ: "Who, being in the form of God thought it not robbery to be equal with God. But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name. That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." (Phil. 2:7-11.)

Again the great apostle says: "For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell." (Col. 1:19), and, "In him dwelleth all the fullness of the godhead bodily." (Col. 2:9.)

Christ laid claim to power that only God could possess. In John's Gospel we read: "Jesus answered, Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day; and he saw it, and was glad. Then said the Jews unto him, Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou seen Abraham? Jesus said unto them Verily, verily, I say unto you, before Abraham was, I am." (John 8:56-58.)

Here we have His own declaration as to His existence with the Father before He took upon Himself the form of man and suffered Himself a sacrifice for the sins of mankind.

At the conclusion of the Sermon on the Mount, the people recognized that He spoke "as one having authority, and not as the scribes." This assumption of authority was manifest in all His utterances. From the very beginning, He not only spoke with authority, but He exercised authority, driving the money-changers out of the Temple because they had made His Father's house a den of thieves; casting out devils and rebuking the devilish in man, as when He brought an indictment against those who "devoured widows' houses and for a pretense make long prayers."

The Virgin Birth
 Was Christ, as the Bible says, conceived of the Holy Ghost and born of the Virgin Mary, or was He son of Joseph or some other man? The differences of opinion on this subject do not turn on questions of evidence, because the evidence is all on one side.

In the first place, we have the record of Matthew, who says: Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When, as his mother Mary was espoused to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Ghost. Then Joseph her husband, being a just man, and not willing to make her a publick example, was minded to put her away privily. But while he thought on these things, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife: for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Ghost. And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins. Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us (1:18-23).

There is no ambiguity about the language. It is not a matter of interpretation, and the statement cannot be attributed to an error made in the copying of the autograph manuscripts. The statement is true or false, and so with the record found in Luke: And in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, to a virgin espoused to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And the angel came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favored, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women. And when she saw him, she was troubled at his saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this should be. And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary; for thou hast found favor with God. And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shall call his name JESUS. He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: and he shall reign over the house of Jacob forever;

and of his kingdom there shall be no end. Then said Mary unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore, also, that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God. . . . For with God nothing shall be impossible. (1:26-37).

Here, too, there is no doubt about the language used or about the meaning of the language. It is either true or false.

Those who deny the Virgin Birth make no attempt to controvert the language or its meaning. What do the modernists say? A well-known New York preacher who can fairly be accepted as an exponent of the modernist or liberal side thus presents the views of those who refuse to accept the record of Matthew and Luke as true: But side by side with them (orthodox Christians) in the evangelical churches is a group of equally loyal and reverent people who would say that the Virgin Birth is not to be accepted as an historic fact. To believe in Virgin Birth as an explanation of great personality is one of the familiar ways in which the ancient world was accustomed to account for unusual superiority. Many people suppose that only once in history do we run across a record of supernatural birth. . . . There are within the evangelical churches large groups of people whose opinion about our Lord's coming would run as follows: those first disciples adored Jesus—as we do: when they thought about His coming they were sure that He came specially from God—as we are; this adoration and conviction they associated with God's special influence and intention to his birth—as we do; but they phrased it in terms of biological miracle that our modern minds cannot use.

The explanation, it will be seen, is that 'the first disciples adored Jesus,' that 'they were sure that He came specially from God,' and that 'this adoration and conviction they associated with God's special influence and intention in His birth;' but that 'they phrased it in terms of a biological miracle that our modern minds cannot use.' These words follow language that indicates that the story of a Virgin Birth was made up—suggested by a like explanation in the birth of great personalities, or, to use the modernist's own language: 'To believe in Virgin Birth as an explanation of great personality is one of the familiar ways in which the ancient world was accustomed to account for unusual superiority.'

The modernists have no evidence to offer to contradict the Bible record. In not a single one of the sixty-six books of the Bible can they find a sentence, word or syllable to justify a rejection of the explicit language of Matthew and Luke. On the contrary, there is in the seventh chapter of Isaiah a prophecy (quoted by Matthew) that foretells this very event: "Behold a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name"

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THE COLORED ORPHANAGE AND SCHOOL

F. J. Lee.

We have just received word from Brother C. F. Bright, Jacksonville, Fla., that they have bought a tract of land, on which they expect to establish a Colored orphanage and school. He states that they have paid \$350.00 as first payment, and may pay the balance on monthly installment plan. They have also some money collected on their building. This speaks well for the Colored work, and shows that they mean business.

We are much interested about the Colored folks of the Church of God having an orphanage. They need it as much so as do the white people. The Church in general should stand by them in this great undertaking.

Also the young Colored ministers should have a Bible school in which they may be trained for the ministry. This is a very important subject and should be well looked into, and given aid by those who can possibly do so.

The secretary and treasurer for the Colored orphanage, is C. F. Bright, R. 6, Box 10, Jacksonville, Florida.

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DIVINE HEALING

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FULTON, Ky.—I promised God if He would heal me last night, I would write my testimony to the Evangel. I praise His great name for He really gave me a Divine touch. Praise the Lord forever. I really thank God today for full and free salvation that Jesus bought on Calvary's tree. By His stripes we are healed, and I really want to give Him praise for His keeping power and the constant abiding of the precious Holy Ghost. Jesus is truly my physician. Through the baptism with the Holy Ghost I find grace to yield to God's will.

I'm truly thankful that I ever heard the dear old Church of God doctrine preached at Nashville, Tennessee and praise God, a little later I accepted. For nearly a year I preached in the holiness movement who do not accept Bible government but at last I have accepted the marvelous light and really mean to stick to the Bible, regardless of the cost. Thank God for the Church of God. Wherever the Spirit leads I mean to follow.

Not Tired of the Way

EUPORA, Miss.—I thank God this morning for real salvation. Thanks be to God. I praise Him for the healing power. He has healed me many times. A few days past, I was sick and called for my parents to pray for me. I told the Lord that I was willing for Him to have His way, concerning me being healed, but praise the Lord I'm feeling good this morning. About three years ago, the Lord saved my soul from sin, sanctified and filled me with the Holy Ghost and I now belong to the dear old Church of God. I am not tired of the way, but it grows sweeter and brighter every day, and mean to go all the way with Him. I have many trials but am more determined than ever before to press the battle in Jesus' name. Pray for me.—Miss Velma Greenlee.

HEALED OF MANY AFFLICTIONS

LODI, Miss.—I want to praise the Lord for the victory in my soul and for His healing power. I sent Brother Rouse a request asking him to pray for me that I might be healed of several afflictions, some of which I had suffered for a long time. I had a hard time trying to do house work on account of suffering. He sent an anointed cloth to me. I laid it on my body and prayed but didn't get victory as I wanted to. When husband came from work, we laid the cloth on my body again in Jesus' name and praise the Lord the healing power touched my body in a wonderful way. My husband placed the cloth on his body and the Lord sure did bless him. I feel encouraged to go all the way with the dear Lord and ask all who read this to earnestly pray that husband and I may do God's will and let Him have His way with us.—Mrs. Zylpher McLain.

JESUS A FRIEND

PHILADELPHIA, Miss.—I am praising God for the healing of my body. I was very sick for four weeks. I took a lot of medicine all the time but got worse instead of getting better. They were intending to take me to the hospital on Monday, but I had read in the dear old Evangel where so many had been healed so I sent a handkerchief to Headquarters to be anointed and asked the saints at that place to pray for me as there are no saints at this place. I praise the Lord for healing me on Saturday night. It is so wonderful to have such a friend as Jesus.—Alice Fortenberry, R. No. 9.

I'LL TRUST HIM THOUGH HE SLAY ME

DALTON, Ga.—I feel impress-

ed this morning to write a few words on Divine healing. Its something that many of us know about. We can have the real virtue of Jesus Christ to go through our bodies in a moment of time and give relief. I have been sick for over a week, of flu, have had a severe case, but praise the Lord, Brother and Sister Moon came over one evening and began praying for my healing and the mighty power of God touched my body and I arose from bed, like some one spinning a top. The same Jesus that healed the woman who touched His garment, also the blind man's eyes, is just the same today. I've also been healed of fever since I came in this good way. It's none of my goodness; but the goodness of God.

The Psalmist David says, "He is the healer of all our diseases," so why can't we trust Him? Some will say, "I'm going all the way," but when they take real sick or think death is near, they say, "Oh, Jack something must be done." Jack answers, "Well, Nancy do you want me to get a doctor? and her reply is, 'Well I reckon so.' Old Job didn't say, 'Get a doctor,' but we hear him say, 'I'll trust Him though He slay me.' Glory to God for Divine Healing that was provided in the atonement as well as the saving of our soul. Who wants to take a pill in order to stay here, when Jesus has a much better place prepared? If the Word had said for us to send for an earthly physician, I would be just as determined but we find old Brother James saying, 'Is there any sick among you, let them call for the elders of the Church and pray over them anointing with oil and the prayer of faith shall save the sick,' not maybe, but 'shall.' If more people would begin trusting the Lord for their bodies there would be greater success for the Church of God and if your money you are spending for pills could be put into the Orphanage or Missionary box, or send to some poor preacher that is pastoring your church and going almost in rags, I'm sure God would bless you more. Oh, the devil laughs way down his sleeves when he can get a saint of God to rely to the gods of this world and it makes him mad when we trust the Lord to death's door. Well, I'm determined to trust the Lord and give the rascal (the devil) a black eye. He hates me and I hate him. By God's grace, I mean to be an overcomer. Pray for me that I may hold out.—Mrs. Eula Mae Payne. 62 N. Thornton, Ave.

BABY HEALED

TARRANT CITY, Ala.—I want to praise God for His many blessings and His wonderful power to heal. Last Wednesday our baby was very sick with something like colitis. We didn't call a doctor as we use to, but we already had a handkerchief that was anointed and prayed over. I laid the handkerchief on her body and prayed in Jesus' name and He touched her body and healed her immediately. Bless His good name. She called for her supper, ate it, went to sleep and slept all night and is healed yet. I thank the Lord and give Him the glory for it. Pray for me that I will ever stay humble at Jesus' feet and receive the Holy Ghost, also for my unsaved husband.—Mrs. Maudie Lindsay.

HEALED OF MEASLES

SALISBURY, Md.—I want to thank God for healing me of measles. I was very sick; had broken out on my face but the saints prayed for me and God healed me. I did not even break out on my body at all. God sure healed me in a few minutes. It is fine to know we can trust in God for both soul and body. I want all to pray for me that I will stay humble at Jesus' feet. He has done so much for me, I want to do more for Him. We have some good brethren and

sisters here. Brother H. W. Po-teat and wife also Bro. George Bloomingdale and wife. They sure do preach the Word in its fullness. The Lord is working in a wonderful way.—Mrs. W. E. Arvey, 305 Race St.

IMMEDIATELY HEALED

GARFIELD, Ga.—I can truthfully say that the Church of God Evangel is the dearest paper in the world to me. I am so glad Jesus spoke peace to my soul. About two years ago He spoke peace to my soul when He saved, sanctified and baptized me with the Holy Ghost.

I'm praising Him for His power to heal. He can heal quicker than any earthly physician, if we have faith to trust Him. My husband has been real sick, we thought he would die last night, but we sent for Bro. H. K. Horton and prayed and the Lord healed him in just a little while. Glory to His name. I can never praise Him enough for what He is to me. Truly He is my all and all. I have trusted Him for two years, I nor my family have taken any medicine within this length of time.

I get many blessings for paying tithes. My tithes do not amount to much but I surely am blest in my faithfulness of paying the little mite. Pray for my family.—Mrs. J. S. Fail.

SUFFERED INTENSELY—HEALED

OSPREY, Fla.—I want to praise God this morning for His great love and mercy to me. He saved me from a life of sin, sanctified and filled me with the blessed Holy Ghost. He keeps me by His power, every day and today finds me with a great desire to go all the way with Jesus. The enemy keeps me afflicted in my body a great deal of the time, but I praise Him because He has never failed me.

About the 13th of November until January I was almost an invalid. I had chills about fifteen days and afterwards had two attacks of something like flu and for about two or three days spit up blood, and suffered intensely but during the last case, the Lord came to my rescue and took away every symptom of flu and I feel well except am weak.

I am still trusting the Lord for the healing of my body for I know He can heal. I have four children who know nothing of taking medicine. Please pray that God will completely heal and strengthen me.—Mrs. W. M. Nickles.

GOD WONDERFULLY HEALS

EROSE, La.—I am praising the Lord this morning for what He has done for me, also for His great blessings.

My little baby is sick, but I know God is able to heal him. All who read this pray for the Lord to heal him.—The Bible says, Let not your heart be troubled ye believe in God, believe also in me. John 14:1. There is not any Church of God here, but thank God He keeps me day by day. I am a member of the Church of God at Monroe and I surely do love the Church and all of the teachings.

I want to thank the Lord for healing my baby of whooping cough this past winter. It looked like he would die, but I just held on to God and He wonderfully healed him. He has never had a dose of medicine in his life. I give God all the glory. Bless His name.

I want the saints to pray for me to always stay in the center of God's will. I want to stay humble at all times.—Tressie Murphy, Route 1.

NOTICES

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Brother H. L. Whittington left Cleveland Monday, May 31 enroute for Dillon, S. Carolina where he shall spend a few days visiting relatives also expects to begin a revival at Dillon on Wednesday June 2d and continue indefinitely. This meeting will be held under a tent or in the new church. He requests that all in that district be present and come expecting a wonderful time in the Lord.

This is to notify you that at the Assembly in Cleveland and also at the Convention in Miami, Fla., I took the address of many who wanted to stay in touch with me and the work here. I am sorry to say that in moving, in some way, I have lost them. So I will give my home address and ask that you write me just the same.—T. A. Sears, Lincolnton, Road Kennot, Half Way Tree, P. O. Jamaica, B. W. I.

To All the Churches and Members of Cedar Grove District

The time for our District Convention has been set for July 3d and 4th. Let every one who have special prayers, pray for God to bless us on these special days and also that He may be glorified. Remember dear saints this only comes once a year and let us do our best for God for you know the Church of God should not fall behind in anything.

Jesus said, let your light so shine before men that they may see your good works and glorify your Father which is in heaven. Matt. 5:16.

Yes, this is the fourth! Let us celebrate it to the glory of God.

We shall expect every Sunday School with its officers to be present as at the last assembly, and there will be very few, if any changes in the Sunday School part of the convention; so you will know just how to prepare for the program. Come expecting a good time in the Lord and His Church.—Laud L. Vaught, District Overseer, H. N. Scoggins, State Overseer of W. Va.

Requests

I request the prayers of all for my dear father, that he may repent of his sins and live for God, also pray that I may receive the Holy Ghost.—Ella Furehes, Chucky, Tenn.

ETOWAH TENT MEETING CLOSED SUNDAY, MAY 23

The meeting began about April 10th in a small house. At the close of the Bible School, April 16th, we went over and after a few days arranged for a 40x60 foot tent, so Brother W. D. Childers joined me for a few days, then Brothers Harry Whittington, J. Herbert Walker and Charlie Ober and Sisters Nellie and Annie Walker joined us. Brother Whittington remained two weeks, but others remained until the close. All rendered real service that brought results.

The meeting was a success, several being saved and sanctified that did not receive the Holy Ghost, while sixteen went on to the baptism. The Church was set in order with thirty members and four added later. Fifteen were baptized in water with more to be baptized later and some expected to join the Church later on.

Brothers McLain, Payne, Lee, Boehmer and others from Cleveland visited and rendered valuable service. Pray for us.—E. L. Moore.

FEEL LIKE PRESSING ON

BRANFORD, Fla.—I praise the Lord for salvation. None other can take the place of Jesus. When life would be so sad to us, He makes us glad and comforts us. Dear reader, if you have not Jesus in your life, you don't know what you are missing. Just think how mother can comfort us sometimes by speaking kind words and showing her love for us. Jesus can comfort us when no one can. I have had salvation for three years and I can truthfully say tonight that I feel good deep down in my soul. I feel like pressing on to the mark of the higher calling. I know I can't do much but I want to do what I can. Let us all pull together and do our part, whatsoever it may be. It may be to pray for those who are preaching it may be to testify or just some little thing, but at least let's do all we can and that is all God requires of us. Our church building got burned down and some of the members moved away so our number is very small now.—Nell Hudson, Route No A, Box No 36.

Obituaries

DORMAN

The death angel visited the home of Sister Zene Dorman April 27 and claimed her loving companion, Pool Dorman. Age thirty-two years. His health had been failing since Christmas, but he took seriously ill Friday, April 23.

He was such a good man and loved his family, and was kind, gentle and loving at all times. He was ready at all times to help any one who was in trouble or distress. He was saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost about five years ago.

He leaves to mourn his loss, father, mother, wife, four small children, several sisters and brothers and a host of relatives and friends.

Funeral service was conducted by Brother Bill McKenney and the writer. His body was laid to rest in the Hope Well Cemetery near Bradford, Ala.—Clyde Dodd, Carbon Hill, Ala.

body laid to rest in the Hillview cemetery to await the coming of Jesus.—Minnie Smith

HIERS

On October 6, 1925 the death angel visited our home and claimed our darling daughter, Ava, age 16 years. Everything that loving hands could do was done but God saw best to take her home to Himself. Shortly before she died, she said she was saved and ready to meet the Lord and it was wonderful to hear her praying for her father and brothers. When she went on the operating table she said, "Mother if I do not wake up you may know that I'm at rest."—Her Mother, (Mrs.) Orlene Hiers.

LATE NEWS

Just before going to press we received news from the Illinois State Convention which was indeed a marvelous success. The General Overseer, F. J. Lee, was present and of course our readers all know that he is able to deliver the goods. M. W. Let-singer, State Overseer, was on the job and is wonderfully encouraged over the present condition of the work and the prospects for greater development. The churches were well represented, the weather was hot and the Spiritual fervor well compared. From the tenor of the news the heavens must have bent low and kissed the earth with a blessing and the waves of glory rolled. Illinois is a great State, made of great people and God shows Himself great in His own great Church.—Editor.

MORE LATE NEWS

We are just in receipt of information with reference to the Home Coming Day last Sunday at Spring Place, Ga. S. W. Latimer, Pastor of the Church of God in this city, was the speaker of the day. I am sure the messages were enjoyed by the great host of old friends who so very highly appreciate him. This was an all day meeting with dinner on the ground. The baskets were well filled, they had plenty and to spare. Surely God is blessing in these last days in a wonderful way.—Editor.

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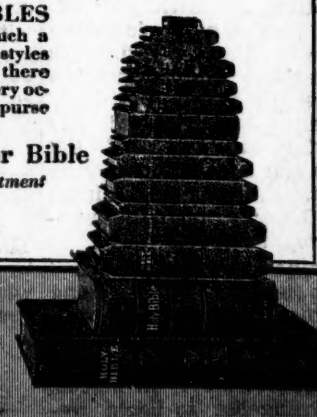
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REPORTS

MUCH GOOD ACCOMPLISHED

MONROE, La.—We have just closed a two and one half weeks revival here in Monroe conducted by Brother and Sister W. M. Newman from Alabama assisted by our pastor, Brother J. C. Coats.

On the 24th of December, Sister Newman was thrown from a truck and got her left thigh broken and has had to suffer a great deal, but she does not question the Lord as to why it happened. She feels that the Lord will get glory out of it some way. Lots of people said she would never be able to get about any more but the Lord touched her body and by walking on crutches she is able to go, in spite of some trying to discourage her.

She has rapidly improved ever since she has been here and has preached several wonderful sermons during the revival. She believes she is going to walk soon. Satan sure did work hard in the revival but by holding on to the Lord, there were six saved, eight sanctified and six received the Holy Ghost. The Lord blessed in a wonderful way and the saints were greatly encouraged to press through and strive harder to do more for the Lord. Pray for the work here.—Lillian C. Franks.

WONDERFUL REVIVAL

A wonderful revival just closed at Copperhill, Tenn. There were thirty saved, twenty-two sanctified and sixteen received the Holy Ghost. Conducted by L. L. Turner, T. F. Bryant and workers.—C. M. Dunn, Pastor.

GOOD REVIVAL AT TOLEDO

TOLEDO, O.—We want to report victory for the Church of God at Toledo Ohio. We have had nothing to report that would interest you, for we are sure you are acquainted with trials and tests, so now you may rejoice with us, since God has heard and answered prayer.

We have just closed a revival with good success. Some were saved, sanctified and baptized with the Holy Ghost. Fifteen members have been added to the Church and many more to be taken in. While the church was getting in condition for real work, Brother P. F. Barnwell and wife and four other workers traveling with him, by chance stopped with us one night. God set His approval on the meeting so we thought it was a good time for a revival. God witnessed with signs following. Brother Barnwell and band thought the Church of God would be a good home for them so they are now members and we, the Church of God at Toledo are proud of them. His daughter rendered good music and singing during the meeting, for which we thank her very much. They are now at Fostoria. If you need real Gospel, for your congregation, call for this band and you will not regret it.—G. B. Edwards, District Overseer and pastor.

TIDE STILL RISING

JACKSONVILLE, Fla.—We closed a revival here the second Sunday in May with great victory. Brother J. A. Farmer of Orlando did most of the preaching. The Lord greatly blessed in giving out the Word. There was good interest manifested throughout the meeting.

Several were saved and sanctified and fourteen received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Brother Farmer had to leave before the meeting closed. The writer continued the meeting and several received the Holy Ghost and one received the wonderful experience of the baptism the last night of the meeting. Brother J. W. Culpepper of Georgia preached twice, which we all enjoyed.

There has been a real revival spirit on here for some time and thank the Lord it hasn't died since the revival closed, but the tide seems to be rising. We are expecting Brother I. H. Marks, State Evangelist, to begin revival services here the last of June. We are expecting great

things. Every one pray to that end.

We have purchased a tent for the Jacksonville District. We are expecting some wonderful meetings and some new churches. Our first campaign being at St. Augustine. Services began Saturday night, May 22d, Brother T. C. Voiles and wife in charge, assisted by Brother J. F. Curry of Sanford, also the writer will help some D. V.

We ask the whole Church to join us in prayer for a Church in this little city, of which the majority are Catholic.—D. Tidwell.

HEARTS STIRRED

MANATEE, Fla.—We have just closed a wonderful revival at Sarasota, Florida. The people came for miles away, they were certainly stirred up in their hearts. Some would get under conviction, confess their sins, go to the altar and God would work with them in marvelous way.

Several were saved and sanctified, three baptized with the Holy Ghost and two baptized in water. The church was wonderfully edified and built up. Every one said it was the best meeting that had ever been held in Sarasota.—H. B. Simmons and wife.

BATTLE FOUGHT—

VICTORY WON

Lord Blessing Colored People

FT. MYERS, Fla.—Brother G. C. Sapp came to our city with a few workers and opened fire on the enemy and fought eight weeks without giving up. He called for the ministers of this city to come and bring their Bibles. They came in crowds, and when they saw he was preaching holiness and the Church of God they turned their guns on him. They said he was the deceiver that would come in the last days. After a Bible contest the people were convinced they had been in darkness for many years.

The preachers gave in and said they had never heard the Bible explained until now. Through all the fight Brother Sapp preached the Word of God with power. He stood the persecutions. Threats were made against him and his workers. The enemy said he would poison them and if they didn't die then they would know that they were right, but this didn't stop them.

Brother M. S. Lemons heard the great fight and came to our rescue and gave one lesson that convinced many.

We praise God for a man like Brother Sapp that the Lord can use to bring souls to Him and His Church. We praise God for the Church of God in Ft. Myers at last. Brother Sapp and his workers will soon be leaving, but the Lord gave us a church with thirty-eight members.

Pray for us down here that the Lord will keep us strong and send Brother Sapp back to us.

Written by one who received the blessing and entered this army to fight until the Lord comes or calls.—Willie Lee Rowell, Clerk.

CHERRY VALLEY, Ark.—I am praising God for this wonderful salvation. Am still saved, sanctified and under the blood. I certainly feel like going on with the Lord, since seeing the light on the Church of God. I would to God that everybody could read the dear Evangel which gives such wonderful instructions. Some of the saints with my wife and I prayed for a woman who was sick and was under medical treatment, but God healed her. Surely the work was done at once, and she is now up. I feel like staying on the battlefield until the battle is ended. A meeting at Helena has just closed with good success.

Three were reclaimed and came back into the Church, for which we give God the praise. Pray for us.—D. P. Hollinshead.

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FT. MYERS REVIVAL

FT. MYERS, Fla.—The camp meeting at Ft. Myers, Florida began April 15th and continued until May 16th. It was indeed a great revival. God blessed in a wonderful way, not only the church in a general way, but the Lord convinced and saved some men who were in the paths of sin. As conviction reached them they began to pour out their whiskey and put dope and tobacco out of their business.

One aged man, who was not only a heavy drinker, but had been such a slave to smoking until he had smoked a box of cigars a day, was among the number who gave in a testimony at the closing service as to what the meeting had meant to him. He arose from his chair with his face shining and he said, "Look where I am," and went on to praise the Lord for lifting him from the low walks of sin to the plains of peace. Praise the Lord.

The prayer meetings are good and the Lord is greatly working in the young people's meetings, also in the Sunday school. The Sunday school has grown from three classes at the first of the year to ten classes now and it is still growing. A good spirit is prevailing over the church at Ft. Myers now, while she has been laboring under a cloud the members are now encouraged and enthused. While the enemy hindered in the meeting all he could the Lord won the victory. The success of the meeting will long be remembered by the Ft. Myers church.

We feel under obligation to Brother Lemons, and Whit Denson, also Sister Lorena Cotton, who labored faithfully in this revival, also every one far and near who may have remembered us at the throne of grace. Oh! that God will reward each in that day. Surely He will. The messages by Brother Lemons from time to time were indeed good, especially the message God gave through him the last Sunday of the meeting on Judgment beginning at the House of God. This will not soon be forgotten by those present. Another item worthy of note is that the public responded to the call for help in relieving the church of some indebtedness, including the expenses of the meeting, and they gave every dollar that was asked for. May God bless them also and reward them. The Lord alone understands how we appreciate all this. This sum amounted to several hundred dollars. For all this we give the praise, glory and honor to our God.—Pastor, P. O. Box 1434.

JOSEPH'S FIDELITY

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served so diligently that he soon was made overseer of Potiphar's whole house, but later because of false statements made against him he was placed in prison. He did not then give up in despair, but made the best of it that he possibly could and showed himself of a good character and of a congenial, sociable disposition with his fellow men, until at last he was exalted to the glorious privilege of standing before the great King Pharaoh to interpret a dream for him. This so pleased Pharaoh that he made him second ruler in the kingdom.

This is what diligence did for a seventeen year old boy. It will do the same for others. We should be diligent in serving the Lord. Young people should also be diligent in seeking an education, be diligent in retaining a good name, a good character, a good reputation.

Illustration

Never had there been so sudden a change from a dungeon to a chair of state, from absolute slavery to dominion over an empire. And Joseph might now see quite plainly that all his trials, and his unjust treatment, all his shameful experience of evil, were necessary links divinely planned in the chain of his advancement.—W. G. Blaikie.

Joseph's diligence and faithfulness in serving the Lord did not only preserve his own life and exalt him to high honors, but it preserved the life of his people who in later years be-

came a mighty nation. But not only this, but preserved a lineage of which came the Saviour of men.

Joseph was diligent about his father's business. Also Jesus was diligent about His Father's business. Joseph was diligent in everything his hands found to do. We find by the record that Jesus was very energetic. Often He would rise before the break of day, in order to pray and be about His Father's business. He sometimes prayed all night long. Joseph was exalted from the dungeon to that of being a ruler. Jesus was exalted from the tomb and the place where the spirits were retained, referred to as a prison, to that of High Priest and finally is to be King of kings and Lord of lords.

After Joseph's exaltation he was given a Gentile bride, so also is Jesus to receive a Gentile bride.

Every one who proves himself diligent in serving the Lord may be accounted among the bridehood saints. He says that He will betroth us unto Himself in righteousness and faithfulness. Then we shall not only stand before kings, but may sit and reign as kings.

OUR SAFETY AND DEFENSE

Sam Romans.

It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God."—Matt. 4:4. When Christ came to live as our example in the flesh and to give His life a sacrifice for sin, He, the Divine Son of God made Himself like unto His brethren.

I can of mine own self do nothing. John 5:30. Tempted and tried, He found His defense in the Holy Scriptures. When Satan came to tempt Him to sin, said "It is written." He clung to the sure defense. Again the tempter came and was met with the words, "It is written." The third time it was the same weapon of defense: "It is written." Matt. 4:1-11. Christ found safety only in the Scriptures of truth, so the Bible is the Christian's shield against the enemy's attacks. As Jesus studied the Scriptures and kept the words ever in His heart for a defense against temptation, so must we study and meditate upon God's Holy Word if its counsels and precepts are to be our defense in the moment of sudden temptation to sin. Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee. Psa. 119:11. It was the only way for Christ our pattern and it is the only way for us. The Word of God is the daily food for the soul. It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. Matt. 4:4. Who has not, in hurried times, missed a meal, working on, though never thinking of the prolonged fast? But after a time, there came a sense of weakening force, a lack of physical power. What was the trouble? At once the reason was evident, that the one had not taken food and the system was calling for a renewal of its forces. Just so the Spiritual life must needs be fed by the Word of God.

Do we, at times feel a weakening of the Spiritual power; a letting down of the vital forces of the soul? Ah, in the hurry of life we have neglected to feed upon the Living Bread. We can no more sustain Spiritual vigor and health, without feeding daily upon God's Holy Word than we can maintain physical power without eating our daily food. Eat of the life-giving Word, the taste of it grows without the partaking. There is life in every word. The Psalmist found the Lord's testimonies sweeter also than honey and the honey comb, or as the marginal reading has it, the dropping of the honey comb. Psa. 19:10. We get the picture of the honey comb inverted, the cell broken open and the sweetness dripping down, just so is every word of the Lord, a cell full of sweetness and life for the soul that feasts upon the Holy Scriptures, so let us feast upon the Holy Word and not upon ourselves, but let us prepare ourselves that

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Revealed Doctrine

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Emmanuel. These words were spoken some seven hundred years before the birth of Christ.

Not only is there nothing to contradict the Bible record of the Virgin Birth, but nearly every writer in the Bible records things done that were just as mysterious as the Virgin Birth. It was supernatural, but the supernatural runs all of the way through both the Old and New Testaments. The supernatural element cannot be eliminated from the account of the birth of Jesus except by the application of rules that will strip the Bible of everything supernatural. The birth of Christ was miraculous, but the miraculous also runs all the way through the Bible from beginning to end. The miraculous cannot be eliminated from the record of Christ's birth except the application of rules that will eliminate all that is miraculous.

Church of God Teachings

THE CHURCH OF GOD stands for the whole Bible rightly divided. The New Testament is the only rule for government and discipline. Below is given some of the teachings that are made prominent: Repentance, Justification, Regeneration, New Birth, Sanctification subsequent to Justification, Holiness, Water Baptism, Baptism with the Holy Ghost subsequent to cleansing; the endowment of power for service, The speaking in tongues as the evidence of the Holy Ghost, The full restoration of the gifts to the church, Signs following believers, Fruits of the Spirit, Divine healing provided for all in the atonement, The Lord's Supper, Washing the saint's feet, Tithing and Giving, Restitution where possible, Pre-millennial second coming of Jesus.

FIRST: To resurrect the dead saints and to catch away the living saints to Him in the air. SECOND: To reign on the earth a thousand years.

Resurrection, Eternal life for the righteous, Eternal punishment for the wicked. No liberation nor annihilation. Total abstinence from all liquor or strong drinks, Against the use

we might be able ministers to go into the highways and hedges and tell others of its goodness and sweetness. Lord, help every minister to place the Word before this bitter world in such a way and manner that it would bring sweetness and peace to their souls, and if we should feel that we are not learned enough to go out and preach

of tobacco in any form, opium, morphine, etc., Meats and drinks, The Sabbath, Against members wearing gold for ornament or decoration, such as finger rings, bracelets, ear-rings, lockets, etc., Against members belonging to lodges, Against members swearing.

Assembly Minutes or the Bible, Which or both?

Some people undertake to make it a question as to which we shall go by, "The Holy Bible" or the minutes of the General Assembly of the Churches of God. In reply to this question I beg leave to say that the various acts of the General Assembly are not to be construed as laws enacted or rules formulated contrary to the Word of God as some have undertaken to cause people to believe and by this erroneous argument undertake to force the issue and to call on people to take their stand for the Bible or for the various acts of the General Assembly in making known to the world the fundamental principles of the Church of God.

Now, let me say once for all that the various minutes of the General Assembly are the official record of the findings of the General Assembly and are intended to express what we officially construe the Holy Bible to teach on the various subjects considered, including the much talked of constitution unanimously adopted in 1921. It was well stated at the time it was presented by the moderator as follows: "Remember this is not setting forth any laws or creeds that are binding on us. We are only setting forth that which we have been practicing for years." We continue of the same honest opinion and that the minutes of the various Assemblies are only the written record of what the supreme governing body of the Church considers and believes the Holy Bible to teach, therefore we unitedly claim and retain the Bible as the nearest and dearest of all books and continue to stand by the time and God honored declaration: "The Church of God stands for the whole Bible rightly divided. The New Testament is the only rule for government and discipline."

this Word to lost souls, let us remember that there are lots of ministers who are out on the battlefield today striving to preach this Gospel, so let us do as Paul said, working with our hands the things that are good that we might have to give to him that needeth.—Pikeville, Tenn.



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